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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE: MIDEAST AND EUROPEAN
INTEGRATION ISSUES

EGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO GERMAN POL DIRECTOR,
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING IN BONN AGREED ON NEED

FOR JOINT EC POSITION ON PRESIDENTIAL ENERGY INITIATIVE
AND CHARGED MIDEAST WORKING GROUP WITH STUDIES OF PEACE
GUARANTEES AS WELL AS ON ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE FOR PALESTINIANS AND WAR DEVASTATED AREAS.
PC ALSO CRITIQUED COPENHAGEN SUMMIT AND CONSIDERED
CRISIS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PC INFRASTRUCTURE,
EUROPEAN UNION REPORT, EC-9 COOPERATION IN WASHINGTON.
SEPTELS COVER U.S./EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND CSCE/MBFR/
EC-EAST EUROPEAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. ENERGY. FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL TOLD
EMBOFF THAT JAN 10-11 PC MEETING IN BONN HAD BEEN A
CONSTRUCTIVE AND VERY BUSY ONE. THE FIRST POINT DIS-
CUSSED AT OPENING LUNCHEON WAS PRESIDENT NIXON'S
INITIATIVE INVITING MAJOR INDUSTRIAL FUEL CONSUMING
NATIONS TO WASHINGTON. VAN WELL SAID ALL NINE POL
DIRECTORS AGREED THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT AND MAJOR
INITIATIVE AND THAT THE NINE SHOULD DEVELOP A JOINT
POSITION AT JAN 14-15 EC COUNCIL MEETING. IN VIEW OF
THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING A JOINT POSITION, BRITISH POL
DIRECTOR WRIGHT INDICATED THAT THE UK WOULD NOT MAINTAIN
LINKAGE BETWEEN REGIONAL POLICY AND ENERGY ISSUES.

2. MIDEAST. FOLLOWING UP ON REFERENCES IN NOV 6 EC
DECLARATION AND COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, POLITICAL
COMMITTEE HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF MIDEAST ISSUES,
PARTICULARLY INCLUDING THE ROLE EUROPE MIGHT PLAY IN
EVENTUAL PEACE GUARANTEES AND IN ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL
ASSISTANCE TO THE MIDEAST. MIDEAST WORKING GROUP WAS
ASKED TO SUBMIT PAPER ON PEACE GUARANTEES, INCLUDING
ISSUE OF DIMILITARIZED ZONES. VAN WELL REVIEWED
"DIALOGUE" WHICH HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE
ARAB COUNTRIES SINCE NOV 6 DECLARATION, NOTING FOLLOW-
UP EC DEMARCHES AS WELL AS BOTH ALGIERS AND COPENHAGEN
SUMMITS. HE SAID BOTH THE ARABS AND THE NINE HAD AN
INTEREST IN LONG-TERM COOPERATION, INVOLVING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIALIZATION AID ON EUROPEAN SIDE
IN RETURN FOR SECURING LONG-TERM STABLE SUPPLY OF RAW
MATERIALS AT REASONABLE PRICES BY THE ARABS. HE
EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH COOPERATION MUST BE ON A "MUTUAL
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AND EGUAL BASIS." WITH BACKGROUND OF DENIAU PLAN AND
ONGOING EC PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION
FIELDS, MIDEAST WORKING GROUP WAS ALSO ASKED TO PREPARE
PAPER ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIANS AND WAR
DEVASTATED AREAS.

EMBOFF ASKED VAN WELL HOW MULTILATERAL APPROACHES
DESCRIBED ABOVE MIGHT BE INTERPHASED WITH REPORTED

BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BEING REPORTED IN THE PRESS, SUCH
AS THE FRENCH AND THE BRITISH WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND
THE GERMANS WITH IRAN. VAN WELL NOTED THAT EUROPEAN/
ARAB RELATIONS WERE DEVELOPING IN A VARIETY OF CHANNELS,
INCLUDING MULTILATERAL EC/ARAB DIALOGUE, BILATERALS, ETC.
HE SAID THE EXACT PATTERN THEY WILL DEVELOP REMAINS
UNCLEAR BUT THAT EC/ARAB RELATIONS IS LIKELY TO BECOME
"A MAJOR NEW AREA OF EC-9 ATTENTION." COMMENT: VAN WELL
DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY TO OUR REFERENCE TO
IRAN AND PRESS
REPORTS OF A GERMAN/IRANI* TANKS F R OIL DEAL; (GERMAN
PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS DENIED SUCH A DEAL WAS IN THE
WORKS). VAN WELL MERELY EMPHASIZED STANDING INTEREST OF
MIDEAST COUNTRIES IN LONG-TERM INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION

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WITH WESTERN EUROPE. END COMMENT.

3. EC CRISIS MANAGEMENT. TURNING TO "EUROPEAN BUSINESS," VAN WELL SAID PC HAD HAD INITIAL DETAILED DISCUSSION OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN TERMS OF (A) ACTUAL PROCEDURES IN A CRISIS AND (B) EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL CRISIS. ON ACTUAL CRISIS, CONSENSUS DEVELOPED THAT PC PRESIDENT WOULD CALL IN AMBASSADORS OF 8 MEMBER
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STATE EMBASSIES FOR URGENT MEETING DESIGNED TO DEFINE THE EXISTING SITUATION, AND TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS TO TAKE--I.E., WHAT TYPE OF SUBSTANTIVE MEETING SHOULD BE CONVENED. PC ASSIGNED NEW TASK TO TECHNICAL EXPERTS ("CEURO") WHO HAD SET UP CABLE AND CODE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTRIES. "CEURO" HAS BEEN ASKED TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONFERENCE TELEPHONE - LOUD SPEAKER ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT PURPOSES. AS TO (B) EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL CRISIS, PC DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON NEED FOR GROUP TO ANALYZE AND ANTICIPATE REQUIRED STEPS ONCE POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAD IDENTIFIED SUCH AREAS.

4. PC INFRASTRUCTURE. GERMANS PROPOSED THAT "INFRASTRUCTURE" OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE BE MADE SOMEWHAT MORE PERMANENT. WHILE PRESIDENCY AND VENUE OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO ROTATE EVERY SIX MONTHS AMONG THE 9 CAPITALS, VAN WELL PROPOSED THAT THE FILES AND DOCUMENTATION OF REGIONAL STUDY GROUPS BE MAINTAINED IN THE MOST SUITABLE EC CAPITAL BASED ON EXPERTISE, ETC. THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED BY MINISTERS.

5. EUROPEAN UNION REPORT. RECALLING COPENHAGEN COMMUNIQUE ADMONITION THAT EUROPEAN UNION BE ACCELERATED AND THAT PRESIDENCY SUBMIT PROPOSALS, GERMANS SUGGESTED CREATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE OF PROMINENT GOVERNMENT REPS WHO WOULD PREPARE REPORT. GERMANS, AS EC PRESIDENT, WOULD SUBMIT REPORT TO THE NEXT SUMMIT MEETING, PRESENTLY PLANNED FOR THE END OF MAY IN BONN.

6. CRITIQUE OF COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. POL DIRECTORS AGREED THAT FURTHER EC SUMMITS MUST BE MORE STRUCTURED AND EFFECTIVELY PREPARED IN ORDER TO PERMIT MORE TIME FOR GENUINE EXCHANGES ON SUBSTANCE RATHER THAN PREPARATION OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

7. EC-9 COOPERATION IN WASHINGTON. VAN WELL SUGGESTED MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF AMBASSADOR OF EC-9 PRESIDENCY IN WASHINGTON. HE ARGUED THAT THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT DURING TIMES OF CRISIS IN ASSURING GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH USG. VAN WELL SAID ALL 9 DIRECTORS
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THOUGHT THIS A GOOD IDEA.
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